

Annual Professional Learning Conference:

The Annual PSAANS Professional Learning Conference will take place on Friday, October 27, 2023 beginning at 8:45 am.

Theme: Elevating Leadership

Location: The Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax

Time: 8:45 am to 3:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$175.00 (payable on-line). Members should apply through Article 60 funding as per their Regional / CSAP funding guidelines.

On-line Registration: Available via www.psaans.ca today (September 7, 2023). Receipts will be issued upon registration.

Hotel Booking: A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Westin Nova Scotian for Thursday, October 26, 2023 and for Friday, October 27, 2023 (for those who require two nights). The rate per room is \$225.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. To avail of the conference rate, hotel reservations are available immediately and will be available until Tuesday, **September 26, 2022**. Any rooms not booked at that time will be released back to the hotel. **Please use the link below to book your hotel room:**

[Book your group rate for PSAANS - Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia](#)

Morning Keynote: Principal Baruti Kafele - *Is My School A Better Place Because I LEAD it?*



Principal Kafele is one of the most sought-after school leadership and classroom equity presenters in America.

In addition to writing several professional articles for popular education journals, he has authored twelve books, including seven ASCD best sellers. His next book, *The Assistant*

Principal Identity is now available.

Principal Kafele is the creator and host of the popular Virtual Assistant Principal Leadership Academy, which streams live every Saturday morning.

Based on Principal Kafele's best-selling book, *Is My School a Better School BECAUSE I Lead It?* Principal Kafele will challenge each administrator to examine their own leadership identity, presence, impact, mission, purpose, vision and value as the leaders of their schools. His message will include reflections on whether administrators have, in fact, defined these leadership attributes within themselves. Kafele's workshop is highly engaging and interactive, and his keynote is high-energy. He promises to inspire principals and vice-principals to think deeply and critically about their roles as leaders of their schools and whether their schools are better schools because they are the leaders of them. As Kafele states in his opening, "My intent is to create discomfort, tension and uneasiness in the room. Inspiration lasts for a few hours. Discomfort, tension and uneasiness endure until they are corrected."

Morning Concurrent Sessions:

The morning concurrent sessions begin at 10:45 am. There are six concurrent sessions from which members can choose. Members can attend any of the sessions being offered as space allows. Sessions are as follows:

- Does Instruction Thrive Under My Leadership? A Discussion on Effective Instructional Leadership - Principal Kafele
- The Nova Scotia Educational Leadership Standards "The Voice of the Administrator" - Sharlene Whelan
- Le triangle compétences-scénarios-espaces : une question de postures et de leadership – Jacques Cool
- Treaty Education – Basil Johnson
- Understanding and Supporting Students with ASD Who Have Difficulty Regulating Their Intense Emotions (aka The Meltdown!) – Kym Hume
- "What got you here won't get you there!" – Dr. Susan E. Murray

Session descriptions and presenter biographies are located on our website.

For our planning purposes only, please use the Google Form <https://forms.gle/mmQ1fweg9wbXFNwa6> to indicate your preferred sessions in advance. Space in some sessions may be limited on the day of the conference.

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions:

The afternoon concurrent sessions begin at 1:00 pm. There are five concurrent sessions from which members can choose. Members can attend any of the sessions being offered. They are as follows:

- “Glass Ceilings and Tall Poppies” Women in Leadership – Dr. Susan E. Murray
- « Gestion du changement » – Jacques Cool
- Treaty Education – Basil Johnson
- Misunderstood and Under Diagnosed: Girls with ASD in Our Schools – Kym Hume
- The Nova Scotia Educational Leadership Standards “The Voice of the Administrator” - Sharlene Whelan

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Afternoon Keynote: Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson - Leading from the Margins: Count Us In!

In this session we will discuss the kind of leadership essential to helping institutions navigate dynamics of inclusion and empowerment within their organization. As leaders, it is imperative that we are able to articulate and give voice to issues of inclusion, justice, and fairness.

- How do we build inclusive, diverse, equitable spaces of learning?
- How do we ensure those spaces and learning spill into our community?
- How do we honour, celebrate, affirm, and empower those leading IN and FROM the margins?

I will challenge the audience to *look beyond* our focus on those at “centre stage,” *look to* recognizing the humanity and leadership capabilities of those “off stage,” in the margins, and *look with* these leaders at bringing their leadership into new, creative, and effective successes!

Lennett J. Anderson is the Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church (The Meeting Place) -- a growing, multigenerational community of worshippers from diverse geographic, ethnic, cultural, and denominational backgrounds. Pastor Anderson is a highly sought-after

communicator and is a recognized voice at events throughout the country. He is blessed with influence that extends beyond the local church. He serves on the faculty of Acadia Divinity College as Lecturer in Leadership and Racial Justice.

Pastor Anderson is a passionate advocate for community transformation and development. His passion for community is evident through his contributions to many community, municipal, provincial, and national boards, committees and organizations.

A retired commissioned Officer in the Canadian Forces where he served as Unit Chaplain for HMCS Scotian, Rev. Anderson has been recognized with numerous awards.

Lennett is married to Dr. Késa Munroe-Anderson. They have three children and live in Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia.



Conference Schedule:

7:45 am	Registration (Mezzanine Level)
8:45 am	Welcome / Greetings
9:00 am	Keynote – Principal Kafele
10:15 am	Nutrition Break
10:45 am	Concurrent Sessions (6 choices)
12:00 pm	Lunch (provided on-site)
1:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions (5 choices)
2:15 pm	Transition to Afternoon Keynote
2:30 pm	Keynote – Rev. Dr. Lennett Anderson

Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is not part of our Annual Professional Learning Conference. The virtual AGM will take place on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Details regarding the AGM will be communicated to members on September 27, 2023.